

# IT'S OFFICIAL!

## Qualified **Army** Personnel authorized to wear Air Force Space Badge

Notifications were initiated to award the Air Force Space Badge (AFSB) to Army personnel on Sept. 1, 2006. This culminated almost a year of work. On Nov. 1, 2005, the Air Force retired and ceased awarding the Air Force Space & Missile Badge. At that time the new Space Badge was officially established. Negotiations were conducted with the Air Force Space Command, Space Professional Management Office (managers of the Air Force Space Badge) to gain authority to award the badge to Army personnel. On Feb. 22, 2006, LTG Larry Dodgen, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command commanding general, received notice from GEN Lance W. Lord granting approval for the Army to award the badge to Army personnel. Efforts began immediately to obtain Army authority for acceptance and wear of the badge on the Army uniform. This approval was granted on Aug. 22, 2006.

The Air Force determined award of the Air Force Space Badge must adhere to rigorous criteria and be representative of uniform Space cadre training, experience, and expertise. Criteria approved for Army personnel reflects this rigor.

A key factor in this criteria is membership and experience in the Army Space Cadre. On Sept. 1, 2006, award notifications were made to the only officially confirmed members of the Army Space Cadre at that time, Functional Area 40, Space Operators and Space Professionals. This initial award had 10 at the Master level, 61 at the Senior level and 50 at the Basic level.

As additional groups are confirmed as members of the Army Space Cadre, announcement will be published for potential candidates to apply for award of the Air Force Space Badge.

For additional information send e-mails to:  
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### BASIC BADGE



(a) complete one of these stand alone courses: Space Operation Officer Qualifications Course (SOOQC); Satellite Systems/Network Coordinators Course (1C); Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Space Elective; Space 100 or Army equivalent; Space 200; Space Fundamentals or Space Operation Course\*;

*\*These National Security Space Institute courses evolved from earlier courses with the possible titles: Basic Space Fundamentals, Interservice Space Fundamentals and Basic Space Operations. All titles are acceptable.*

(b) and complete at least a 12 consecutive month assignment in an Army Space cadre coded position(s).

### SENIOR BADGE



(a) complete one of these courses: SOOQC; Space 200; Satellite Systems/Network Coordinators Course (1C);

(b) and complete a cumulative 48 month period in an Army Space cadre coded position(s).

### MASTER BADGE



(a) complete Space 300;

(b) complete a cumulative 84 month period in an Army Space cadre coded position(s).

*(Minor variations may occur for some groups such as the Reserve Components.)*